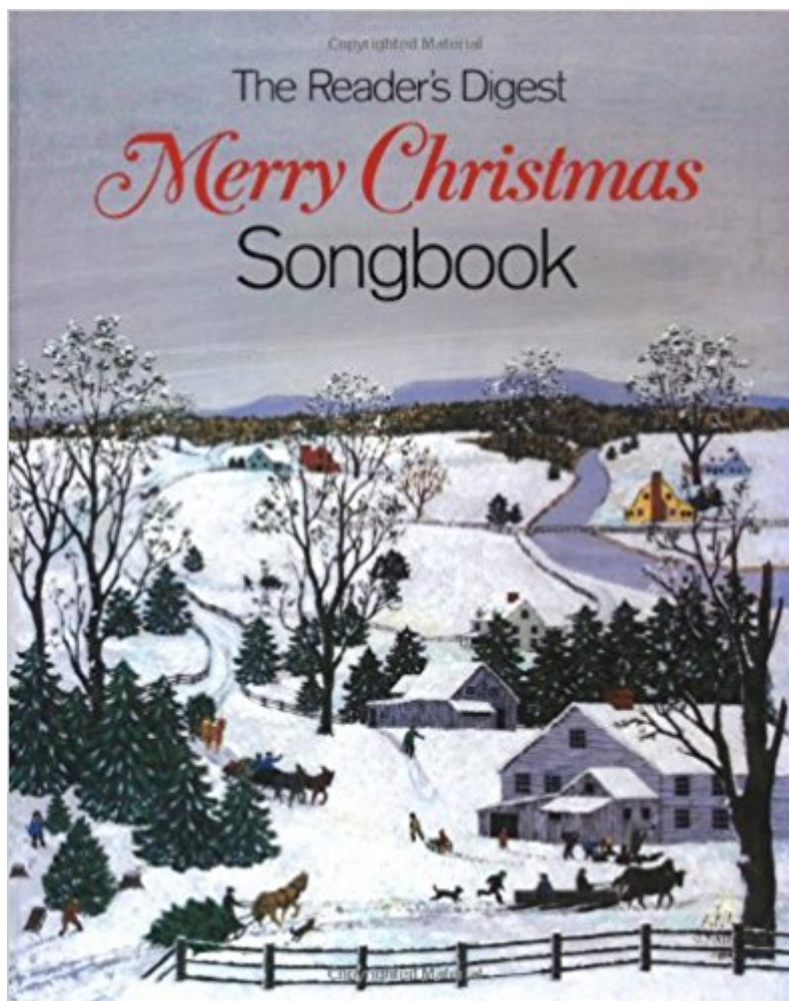


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# The Reader's Digest Merry Christmas Songbook



## Synopsis

Hardcover book, spiral bound to last a family lifetime. More than 250 pages, large easy-to-see print for piano/vocal/organ/guitar. Annotations on the history of some songs, illustrations, and an all-encompassing collection of seasonal songs. Lyric booklet included.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I can't say enough good things about the songs available in this songbook! I am thrilled to have found this! "A Marshmallow World", "My Favorite things" Beautiful seasonal family memorable melodies! Awesome to have found to practice up for this winter.

One of my favorite Christmas songbooks of all time. There are 110 Christmas standards that are arranged in an easy to understand format. Written for Piano, Guitar, Organ. Except for the strictly instrumental numbers, every song features a vocal melody line with piano or organ accompaniment. This melody line is easy to recognize because the stems of the notes go up, while on the harmony notes, the stems go down. This same line can be followed by any solo C-melody instrument, including violin, flute, recorder, oboe, accordion and harmonica. I thought the way that they used highlighting in songs that have more than two verses (every other verse is in a highlighted color) to be very helpful in following along with the words as you sing along. The songbook has 10 sections. They are: #1 - Our Best-Loved Carols. #2 - Popular Christmas Hits. #3 - For Children at Christmastime. #4 - Christmas Is A Winter Festival. #5 - Modern Carols. #6 - Favorite Carols of

Yesterday and Today. #7 - Christmas Around the World. #8 - Christmas Folk Songs and Spirituals. #9 - Christmas Classics and Instrumental Favorites. #10 - Ring Out The Old! Ring In The New Year! At the beginning of each section there are pages devoted to the "Story Behind the Song". This takes a short look at the history behind the song, the singers and/or songwriters who made each song what it is. Lots of great trivia in the stories. For those who are wondering if they should buy the newer version with the CD or the older printings of the book without the CD. I can tell you that there is only one song from the old version that is not in the newer printings, otherwise the song list is identical. If you can purchase a copy that includes the lyric booklet, that's a bonus since many have been lost by former owners.

I had wanted this music book for some time and found it at a very reasonable price at this site. Although used, it was like brand new, with only a slight mar on one of the corners of the hardback cover. The pages inside are pristine. Shipping was free with Prime...another bonus! The book itself is jam packed with many different styles of music...old traditional carols to standard popular Christmas tunes. At the start of each section there is a page that gives the background of several pieces in that section of the book. If you own and like any other of the Reader's Digest songbooks, you will like this one also. I am not an accomplished pianist, but the arrangements allow me to play with much enjoyment. And even though this is a Christmas songbook, I will enjoy playing from it year-round.

Hands down the best traditional Christmas song book you will ever buy!

Just what I've wanted. I love the piano arrangements and it has all the Christmas music I love in one book. Shipping was quick and packaged perfectly. Thank you!

I was very excited to receive this book. Every year I gather a group to go caroling at the local nursing homes and a friend of mine owns this with the lyric book. I decided to get my own copy before Christmas this year. However despite the description saying that the lyric book is included it was not. Other than not including the lyric book I would say the book is in good condition and as described.

Received in time to enjoy during the holidays. In good condition and shipped promptly. This book replaced my original destroyed in a water incident. Love this collection of sacred and secular

Christmas songs. The arrangements are simple enough to be sight-read by a non-professional pianist but complex enough to be enjoyable to listen to.

This is just an outstanding publication for any musician. The way it is laid out in sections, the spiral binding, the easy read music, the chords... on and on. If you are a beginner or a master... this book of Christmas songs is about as complete as can be. It includes a CD of some of the songs and a booklet with just the words for all the songs for your friends to sing along while you are using the spiral bound music book. And so many songs... from the traditional Christmas songs of worship to the classic carols. Have loads of fun with this one. Glad I bought it - worth every cent. I ordered a used copy... but it arrived shrink wrapped and for all due and intensive purposes... I believe it was actually a new copy. I'm a happy camper with this purchase.

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